

# AGENDA FOR JULY 20, 2005

A meeting of the Nevada County Transportation Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2005 at **8:30 a.m.**, in the **Nevada County Board of Supervisors Chambers**, First Floor, Eric Rood Administrative Center, 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, California. No action will be taken at the meeting on any business not appearing on the posted agenda.

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The Commission welcomes you to its meetings, which are scheduled the third Wednesday of every other month. Your opinions and suggestions are encouraged. All meetings are recorded. The location of this meeting is wheelchair accessible.

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REGULAR MEETING: 8:30 a.m.

STANDING ORDERS: Call the Meeting to Order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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ANY MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON A MATTER ON THE AGENDA, please come to the podium when the item number and subject matter are announced. When recognized, please provide your name and address for the record. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, please limit your comments to the specific item under discussion. For items **not** on the agenda, please refer to Public Comment listed after Action Items. (Time limitations are explained in an attachment to this agenda).

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: For discussion and possible action.

1. Financial Reports:

A. May and June 2005

- Local Transportation Funds.
- State Transit Assistance Fund.
- Regional Surface Transportation Program Fund.
- Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program Fund.

2. Correspondence: Note: Items 2A through 2E were emails sent to Commissioners and packet recipients, many with links to news articles:

- A. Email sent 5/17/05: "Senate Ready to Defy Bush on Highway Bill," by Jim Abrams, Associated Press writer, in Sacramento Bee, 5/16/05; "The Roads Are Paved With Pork," New York Times Editorial, 5/12/05; "Governor Sets \$9 Billion Aside for

Highways, But Gap Remains,” by Mike Adamick, Contra Costa Times, 5/14/05; “Roads Look Like the Big Winners in Latest Budget,” by Steve Geissinger, Sacramento Bureau, Inside Bay Area, 5/13/05; “Lawmakers Unite to Keep Amtrak Rolling,” by Timothy Spence, Hearst Newspapers, in Contra Costa Times, 5/15/05; “High-Speed Train Plan May Move Forward,” by Dan Weikel, Los Angeles Times, 5/9/05; “Tough Times Ahead for Local Commuters,” by Nat Friedland, The San Francisco Examiner, 4/28/05; “‘Electric Highway’ Will Be Extended to Truckee,” by David Bunker, Sierra Sun, 5/11/05.

- B. Email sent 6/3/05: “Caltrans Chief Urges Continued Sales Tax Push,” by Barry Eberling, Daily Republic, 6/3/05; “Road Warrior – Kempton Works to Turn Red Tape to Roads,” by Mike Adamick, Contra Costa Times, 6/3/05.
- C. Email sent 6/13/05: Link to the January 2005 updated “Transportation Development Act (TDA) Statutes and California Codes of Regulations,” on the Caltrans website; “Capital Trains Are On a Roll,” by Robert D. Dávila, The Sacramento Bee, 6/10/05.
- D. Email sent 6/14/05: “High-Speed, Free-Market Tolls Catching On To Tame Congestion,” by Robert Tanner, AP National Writer in the Napa Valley Register, 6/12/05; “Trains Could Be Ticket To Solving Trash Woes – Officials looking at transporting Sonoma County’s garbage to Nevada landfill via rail,” by Spencer Soper, The Press Democrat, 6/13/05; “Transportation Sales Tax Would Fund Projects, But Which One?” by Barry Eberling, Daily Republic online edition, 6/13/05; “Community Meetings Planned For County Half-Cent Sales Tax,” by Jason Massad, The Reporter online edition of Vacaville, 6/14/05; “Caltrans Still Pushing Skyway As Audit Nears,” by Sean Holstege, Inside Bay Area, 6/14/05; “Politicians Rally For Struggling Amtrak,” by Foster Klug, Associated Press writer in The Sacramento Bee, 6/14/05.
- E. Email sent 6/22/05: “New Development Mixes Industry With Housing,” by David Bunker, Sierra Sun, 6/17/05; “Budget Endangers Long Amtrak Routes – House Panel’s Bill Would End Service On California Zephyr,” by Edward Epstein of the Chronicle Washington Bureau, SFGate.com, 6/22/05.
- \* F. Memo from Citizens Concerned About Traffic (CCAT) - Special meeting on Nevada County Road Issues - Need for Dorsey Drive Interchange. 5/23/05, File 1030.3.2.1.
- \* G. Caltrans District 3 - Third quarter report regarding Caltrans' progress on projects within Nevada County. 6/2/05, File 250.1.
- \* H. Letter from Mark Yachmetz, Associate Administrator for Railroad Development, Federal Railroad Administration - Response to NCTC's letter concerning the Administration's position regarding intercity passenger rail service - Amtrak. 6/14/05, File 1135.6.
- \* I. Letter from Barbara Kuvet to the NCTC - Request for solutions at three intersections in western Nevada County. 6/14/05, File 1200.4.

- \* J. Letter from Senator Sam Aanestad - Response to NCTC's letter expressing support for restoring funding under Proposition 42. 6/20/05, File 570.
- \* K. Letter from the City of Grass Valley to Caltrans District 3 Director - Request that improvements along a frontage road be approved as part of an Encroachment Permit. 6/24/05, File 490.
- \* L. California State Controller - Schedule of State Transit Assistance funds allocated for the third quarter of the 2004/05 FY. 6/28/05, File 1370.
- \* M. Letter from Senator Barbara Boxer - Response to NCTC's letter requesting support for federal funding of intercity passenger rail service. 7/1/05, File 1140.
- \* N. California's State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit - Notice of Preparation for the Nevada County Regional Transportation Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This was sent to reviewing agencies for review and comment. 7/1/05, File 1210.5.
- \* O. California Transportation Commission - Receipt of the Elderly and Disabled Transit Grant Program 5310 draft 2005/06 prioritized project list. 7/7/05, File 1430.4.2.
- \* P. City of Grass Valley - Resolution supporting the construction of the Dorsey Drive interchange. 7/7/05, File 1030.3.2.1.
- \* Copies of these items are included in the agenda packet. Copies of correspondence not included in the agenda packet will be provided on request.
- 3. Executive Director's Report.
- 4. Caltrans District 3:
  - A. Project Status Report: Winder Bajwa, Caltrans Project Manager for Nevada County.
  - B. SR 49 at the LaBarr Meadows Road Intersection: Presentation by Tom Brannon, Chief, Office of Project Management B.

CONSENT ITEMS: All matters listed are to be considered routine and noncontroversial by the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless, before the Commission votes on the motion to adopt, members of the Commission, a staff member, or an interested party requests that a specific item be removed.

- 5. Certificate of Appreciation: Tom Brannon.  
Recommendation: Authorize Chairman to sign.
- 6. NCTC Minutes: May 18, 2005.  
Recommendation: Approve.

7. Allocation Request from Gold Country Telecare: Gold Country Telecare, Inc. is requesting for FY 2005/06 an allocation of \$23,540 of Community Transit Service funds for vehicles and communications equipment.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 05-29.

8. Allocation Request from the City of Grass Valley: Through adoption of Resolution 05-44, Grass Valley is requesting an allocation of \$305,170 of Local Transportation Funds for transit/paratransit operations for FY 2005/06.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 05-30.

9. Allocation Request from Nevada County: Through adoption of Resolution 05-266, the County of Nevada is requesting an allocation of \$1,577,754 from Local Transportation Funds for transit/paratransit operations, and an allocation of \$98,663 from Community Transit Services Funds for operations of paratransit services for FY 2005/06.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 05-31.

10. Allocation Request from the Town of Truckee: Through adoption of Resolution 2005-30, the Town of Truckee is requesting an allocation of \$391,078 of Local Transportation Funds for transit/paratransit operations for FY 2005/06. (Truckee also submitted a claim for State Transit Assistance funds in the amount of \$28,475, but it will not be processed until information on the 2005/06 allocations is received from the State).

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 05-32.

11. Allocation Request from the City of Nevada City: Through adoption of Resolution 2005-26, Nevada City is requesting an allocation of \$71,565 of Local Transportation Funds for transit/paratransit operations for FY 2005/06.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 05-33.

12. Disposal of Surplus Equipment: See attached staff report.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 05-34.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

13. An Addition to NCTC's Policies and Procedures Manual: See attached staff report.

Action Requested: Adopt Resolution 05-35.

14. Local Funding Options for Regional Transportation Improvements: See attached staff report.

Action Requested: Provide direction to staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public may make comments at this time on any items not appearing on the agenda that are of interest to the public and are within the jurisdiction of the Commission, provided that no action shall be taken unless otherwise authorized by Section 54954.2 of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, Commission members and the Executive Director may make a brief announcement or report on his or her activities. They may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the Commission at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT MEETING:

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

This agenda was posted on or before July 15, 2005 at the Eric Rood Administrative Center, the Town of Truckee Administrative Center, and City Halls of Grass Valley and Nevada City.

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